

Raymond Lloyd (Buddy) Young: Regional Director, Region 6

Raymond Lloyd "Buddy" Young was appointed Regional Director by President Clinton in 1993. As Regional Director, he coordinated FEMA mitigation, preparedness and disaster response and recovery activities in: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. In 1997, he served as Acting Deputy Director for the agency.

Mr. Young is a veteran of 26 years of service for the Arkansas State Police. He joined FEMA after serving as director of security for then-Governor Bill Clinton, a post he had held since 1983. During the 1992 presidential campaign, Mr. Young coordinated state security matters for the governor's office, working with federal law officers responsible for protecting presidential candidates. As Director of Security for the Office of the Governor, Mr. Young formed a close professional relationship with President Clinton and FEMA Director James Lee Witt, serving as a vital link to the Arkansas Office of Emergency Services and the state's emergency management community.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Young served in the Highway Patrol and Criminal Investigation Division of the Arkansas State Police, where he was Commander of the Organized Crime Unit.

A native of Dardanelle, Arkansas, Mr. Young holds a Certificate in Public Administration from the University of Arkansas and has trained in police work at various federal and state law enforcement academies. He is a graduate of the National FBI Academy, Quantico, VA, and a graduate of the Keeler Polygraph Institute, Chicago, IL. He is active in local civic work and has served on the advisory board of the Capital City Business College Security and Law Enforcement School. He is currently on the Board of Directors for the School of Public Administration and Emergency Management at the University of North Texas. From 1965 to 1971, he served as a member of the Arkansas National Guard.

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